GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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Reservation in Skill Development
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the candidates belonging to the backward and weaker sections of the society are given any special consideration/ reservation for their skill development and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has any new proposal/initiative for the skill development of backward sections of the society including minorities and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a) to (c) There are a number of skill development schemes across various sectors being implemented by Central Ministries/Departments. All these schemes have provisions to promote the participation in skill development programmes by all socio-economic groups including SCs/STs. Under the Craftsmen Training Scheme, candidate belonging to SC/ST category get the reservation in the proportion to their population in each State and Union Territory. In addition, National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) provides grant to eligible Scheduled Caste persons for Skill Development Programmes. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) though does not have any exclusive scheme for providing training to SC/ST/OBC candidates, however NSDC's training providers have provided training to SC/ST/OBC candidates as under:

Trainings Completed as on 29 February 2016
Year SC ST OBC Total
2010-11 27 4 45 76
2011-12 3,503 793 5,909 10,205
2012-13 24,207 16,475 36,785 77,467
2013-14 82,953 40,763 134,224 257,940
2014-15 130,656 56,200 214,992 401,848
2015-16 95,374 48,452 130,656 274,482